

## **REMARKS**

### **I. Introduction**

In view of the following remarks, reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action of January 6, 2010 is respectfully requested.

### **II. Prior Art Rejections**

Currently, claims 21-42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriguchi (Non-patent literature, May 2002) in view of Yamada et al. (US 2003/0152756).

Applicants submit herewith a certified English translation of the foreign priority document, JP 2002-245904. Accordingly, the Yamada et al. reference has been overcome in accordance with MPEP 201.15, and thus the prior art rejection set forth in the Office Action has been overcome.

Further, it appears as though there would have been no reason to modify any of the prior art of record to yield a configuration which would meet the requirements of claims 21 and 32. It is thus submitted that the invention of the present application, as defined in claims 21 and 32, is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art, and yields significant advantages over the prior art. Allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 22-31 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 21 and are thus allowable for at least the reasons set forth above in support of claim 21. Claims 33-42 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 32 and are thus allowable for at least the reasons set forth above in support of claim 32.

In view of the foregoing remarks, inasmuch as all of the outstanding issues have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for

allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain after consideration of the response, however, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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